

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc.****Federal Tax ID: 92-0116416****Project Title:**

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc. - ADA Carports

State Funding Requested: \$ 102,000
One-Time Need**House District: 33 - Q****Brief Project Description:**

This will complete the independent senior housing complex by adding 8 carports.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$102,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

An independent senior housing complex was completed in 2007 for seniors 62 and older. It is fully ADA handicapped accessible; including hearing and visual equipped. ADA carports were designed in the original plan; to be adding as funding was achieved. Architectural plans are completed for the project, ready to bid.

Project Timeline:

Upon notification of inclusion in the capital budget, the project will be bid and purchased/ constructed within two years.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

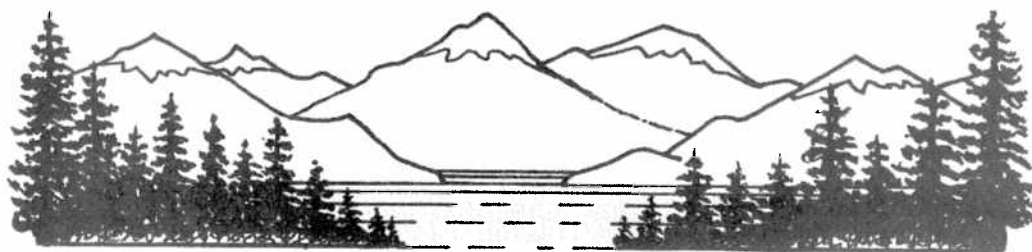
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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January 9, 2008

Representative Kurt Olson
State Capital, Room 408
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Olson:

We wish you a Happy New Year, and thank you for all you do for the Kenai Peninsula and senior population.

When I last spoke to you we discussed Soldotna Senior Center's 2008 Capital projects priorities and you recommended to have those priorities added to the 2008 Kenai Peninsula Borough Capital Improvement Projects. Our Assemblyman, Pete Sprague, introduced our Capital Improvement Projects at the KPB assembly budget meeting on January 8, 2008, and was approved to be added to the year 2008 KPB State Capital Improvements Projects list for the consideration by the Legislature for funding.

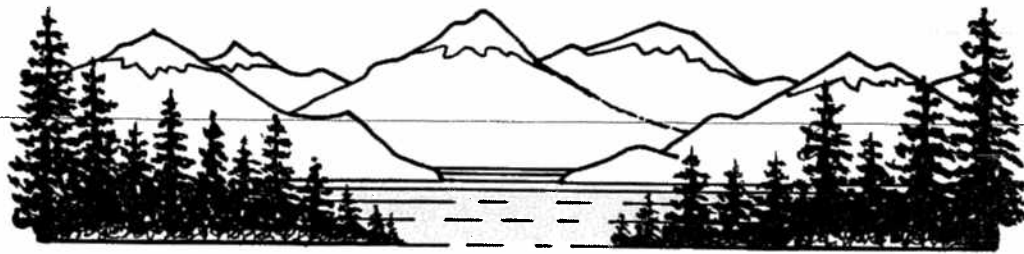
I have enclosed a copy of the letter we wrote to Senator Wagoner along with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Year 2008 State Capital Improvement Projects Request for the Center's 2 priorities including an ADA handicap 8 vehicle carport for senior housing at a cost of \$102,000, and an ADA covered walkway from the senior housing to the Center at a cost of \$67,500.00, for a total request for funding of \$169,500.00.

As with Senator Wagoner, we would greatly appreciate it if you would support and assist Soldotna Senior Center's request for Legislative Funding for these 2 very important and needed priorities, and if you should have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of SASC board members.

Again, thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


Jan Fena
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Senator Tom Wagoner
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Dear Senator Wagoner:

Soldotna Area Seniors send you their greetings for a Happy New Year, and thank you for your support. With 2008 already here and the upcoming busy 90 day Legislative Session we want to inform you that Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc. has applied for year 2008 State Capital Improvement Projects through the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB). The Borough Assembly met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, and the Center's projects were accepted and are to be included in the Kenai Peninsula Borough's 2008 State Capital Improvement Projects Budget request for Legislature consideration of funds.

I have enclosed a copy of the Center's KPB Year 2008 State Capital Improvement Projects request for Soldotna Senior Center consisting of 2 priorities:


Priority 1: Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc. is requesting grant funds to build an 8 vehicle carport that is ADA handicapped that would be built on the end of the new 8 apartment independent senior housing complex located at 144 North Fireweed in Soldotna. The ADA handicapped carports were designed in the original architectural blueprints to be added as funding was obtained. The total cost to build the carports is \$102,000.00.

Priority 2. An ADA covered walkway 130' long , 8' wide, with a covered entrance area of 16' x 20' from the senior housing complex main entrance to the Center's dining room entrance. The covered ADA walkway is designed as a year-round safe and dry walkway which would allow seniors the use of the Center, as well as a means for walking exercise during inclement weather. The cost of the ADA covered walkway is \$67,500.00

Soldotna Senior Center's total request for Legislative Capital Improvement Projects funding requested through the Borough for the ADA carports and covered walkway is \$169,500.00.

We respectfully request your assistance in support of State Legislative Funding of \$169,500.00 for the Center's year 2008 Priority Capital Projects request, and if you have any questions or need further clarification, please give us a call.

Sincerely,


Marjorie E. Adolf
Vice President

cc: Representative Kurt Olson



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

YEAR 2008 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

COMMUNITY: Soldotna

Funding Recipient: Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc.

Project Name:

Soldotna Senior Center Improvements

**Project
Priority
Ranking:**

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc., is requesting funding for two projects. They are prioritized based on our needs.

Priority 1: Soldotna Area Senior Citizens built an independent senior housing complex in 2007 for seniors 62 years and older, which is fully ADA handicapped including hearing and visual equipped. As part of the Center's strategic planning for this "state of the art" complex, and for the safety of its tenants, ADA handicapped carports were designed in the original blueprints to be added as funding was established. For the 8 apartment complex a carport is planned for each unit. Architectural plans have been developed and quoted, and the total cost to build 8 carports is \$102,000.00

Priority 2: An ADA covered walkway 130' long, 8' wide and with a covered entrance area of 16' by 20' from the senior housing complex main entrance to the Center. The covered ADA walkway is designed for year-round safe and dry walkway, especially of a critical need during inclement weather. The covered walkway would allow tenants the use of the Center for daily senior programs and services they rely on without fear of falling. The cost of the ADA covered walkway is \$67,500.00

Total requested funding through the Kenai Peninsula Borough Legislative Capital Improvement Projects for Soldotna Senior Center improvements is \$169,500.00

Funding Requested:

\$169,500.00

Total Project Cost:

\$169,500.00

Local Match (if any) and Source:

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Election Districts:

Senate District:

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House District:

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How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteerism, money, resolutions, etc.)

Soldotna Senior Center's board of directors has worked closely together, as well as with area seniors and business leaders to circumference the growth of the senior population of Soldotna, Funny River and $\frac{3}{4}$ of Ridgeway communities that the Center serves. Through the board of directors careful long range strategic planning for expansion of programs, services, and housing, will guarantee current seniors, as well as future seniors, programs and services available and provided for them.

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

Soldotna Senior Center board of directors has recognized the need of ADA carports and the ADA covered walkway and have been designed. Both projects have been quoted.

How did the community select this project as a funding priority? (Community meeting, survey, etc.)

The ADA carports and covered walkway was prioritized through the request and needs of area seniors that will utilize the housing as well as and programs and services that the Center provides.

**If you conducted a community meeting, how was it advertised?
When and where was the meeting held?**

The Center's annual membership meeting was the focal point with members and interested individuals for discussion of the Center's next fiscal year priorities for senior housing. Advertisement of the Annual Meeting was through the Center's monthly newsletter, and daily announcements. The annual Membership Meeting was held on August 19, 2007. However, the project has been ongoing and planned by the board of directors, area seniors, housing committee and area business leaders for the past four (4) years, and met on a quarterly basis.

Who attended (List specific groups such as community council, APC, general public, etc.)

Soldotna Senior Center members, volunteers, interested community individuals, and was open to the public.

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc., owns the property that the carports and covered walkway would be constructed. The land is utilized for senior programs and services and independent senior housing.

Who will own the project or facility?

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens will manage the project and owns the facility.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

The Center works in a team concept and the team consists of an architect, contractor, SASC board of directors, project committee, funding sources, and business leaders. The project will be accomplished through approved architectural drawings, City of Soldotna permitting, built by the contractor, and in compliance with all existing regulatory codes.

Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?

Soldotna Area Senior Citizens, Inc., will maintain the project and facility.